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CONYERS HAILS RULING IN HADDAD CASE: “ANOTHER BLOW TO THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION’S ATTEMPTS TO REWRITE THE CONSTITUTION”

In response to Judge Nancy Edmunds’ ruling today granting Rabih Haddad’s motion for preliminary injunction and ordering a new detention hearing, Congressman John Conyers, Jr. issued the following statement:

“Our constitutional system of checks and balances is working. Our Constitution requires open and accountable government and this decision is another blow to the Bush Administration’s attempts to rewrite the Constitution. Judge Edmunds’ courageous decision sends a clear signal to the Administration: its unilateral actions depriving basic constitutional rights will not stand up to judicial scrutiny. The message is that everyone in this country is entitled to a fair trial and that Mr. Haddad’s right to due process was clearly violated behind the closed doors of his initial, secret detention hearing.

Judge Edmunds has thrown open the doors of these proceedings to let the light shine in. One wonders how many times the Administration will be defeated in court before it realizes that it must respect the civil rights and civil liberties of all Americans.”

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